Standardized tests are a measure of student achievement_ but they do not measure a student's heart, or their work ethic, or their kindness, or their creativity_ or anything else that makes for successful adults.

3rd May, 2017 Term 2 Week 2



The Crest

Respect Others

Community









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A proud member of the: KEERAWALL COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS Welcome back to term 2. I hope you had a great break.

Many thanks to all our wonderful students who gave their time last week to march in our local ANZAC Day march. I was so proud to see so many children attend and march either for the school or another local group.

Applications for **Opportunity Class** in 2018 are now open. This is an online application and can be accessed on: <u>https://education.nsw.nsw.gov.au/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5</u>. There is a flyer included in this Crest.

Staff Development Day – Term 2

To fit in with our professional learning for teachers this year we have been able to book Andrell Education for **Friday, 30th June** (last day of Term Two). This is to complement the Big Writing Program in our school. I was unable to book them on one of our Staff Development Days so we need to swap our days. **Friday, 30th June** will be a pupil free day and students will return to school on **Monday 17th July**.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy: (NAPLAN) is conducted each year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and nongovernment schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Please note these dates in your diary. Unless there is sickness, no Year 3 or Year 5 child should miss this assessment.

Tuesday 9th May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test). **Wednesday 10th May** - Reading test.

Thursday 11th May - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Chance and data, Measurement and Space)

School Attendance/Exemption

The Education Act (1990) states that it is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school or be registered for home schooling.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided. Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

If you feel it is **absolutely necessary** for you to arrange for overseas travel, extended holidays or elite sport participation during school time and that your child will be absent from school for over 10 school days you will need to complete an '**Exemption from School**' Form.

Please email me and I will get the form to you. This must be filled in for those extended periods when your child is not at school.

Gymnastics

Last week was the first week of the Year 2 Sportspro Gymnastics lessons. It is an activity that is so beneficial for all children but especially the younger ones. The ability to coordinate your movements and move within a space are invaluable skills that students carry though to adulthood. This is an integral and mandatory strand of our NSW Personal Development/Health/Physical Education Syllabus.

State Recorder Camp

Congratulations to Fiona T (5/6K) who attended the NSW State Recorder Camp last weekend. Fiona is such a talented musician and a great ambassador for BPS.



State Dance Workshops

Good luck to our students who are participating in the State Dance Workshops -

Monday 8th May		Tuesday 9th May			
Lily P	3A	Jessica C	4C		
Jade V	3A	Avari D	4P		
Sophie H	2P	Jasmine W	4C		

March Money Madness

Thank you to every student, parent, grandparent, family member or friend who gave their 5 cent pieces to our March Money Madness fundraising for the Student Parliament.

The total amount raised was \$1539.20 with the top class being 1D with \$214.65. Congratulations 1D and Mrs Dwyer.

Many thanks to the Gratton family (Kai Yr1) for their kind donation of a library trolley.

Di Bower

Principal

DANCE NEWS - This week the dance groups successfully auditioned for the Sydney North Dance Festival. The judges were very impressed with their efforts so far. They will continue to work hard each week to prepare for the festival which is held during the last two weeks of this term.

Next week some of our students will be attending the State Dance workshops at Sydney Dance Company. We wish Jessica C, Avari D, Jasmine W, Jade V, Lily P and Sophie H the very best of luck. I know you will have a wonderful time learning many different dance styles.

Kelly Lukic Dance Coordinator

<u>SCHOOL BANKING</u> - The school earns commission from every deposit with school banking.

- * Every <u>Tuesday morning</u> at the canteen from 8:50-9:20am
- * There is no minimum deposit required
- * New rewards and certificates for consistent banking
- * Promotes good saving habits
- * Just open an account with the commonwealth bank
- * See the coordinators on Tuesday mornings with your detail
- * It's that easy!

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THE SPIRIT OF REMEMBRANCE IN STAGE 2

Stage 2 students have been reflecting on ANZAC Day, as part of the history and geography syllabus towards identifying commemorations of significance in Australia and the world. Through experiencing the ANZAC ceremony and the lessons taught, our students are now more aware about the sacrifice of others working to keep our country a safe and peaceful place and how significant individuals, groups and events contributed to changes in the local community over time.

Our students have applied skills of historical inquiry and communication to further apply their knowledge. Students have identified symbols of peace such as the dove, love heart, peace sign as part of symbols, N and D according to the semaphore flag signalling system towards nuclear disarmament, including the origins, symbolism and significance. Mrs Clayton brought in her Grandfather's jacket from WW2 for *show and tell* across the stage. The students have learned about how and why people choose to remember significant events of the past and have discussed the nature of the contribution made by different groups and individuals in the community and how the ANZAC soldiers and others have given 'service before self' to help keep Australia a happy and friendly place to live.

Thank you to those families and students who attended the local commemoratory march and ceremony held in Berowra on 25th April, last week. Through keeping the spirit of ANZAC Day alive, we keep the world safe for the future.

Glenn Pritchard Stage 2, Assistant Principal.



Picture coloured by Annaliese S 3/4P

Stage 1 - Week 2 – Term 2 - 2017

Stage 1 commenced this week with a dynamic STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) program. The students were placed in groups and each week they will be provided with a new project/challenge. It was such a pleasure to listen to the student's conversations as they met and worked on their initial project, making a paper aeroplane. Watching the flight test at the end proved that each group successfully managed to create a paper aeroplane which could fly. Stay tuned for updates on this wonderful new program.





Regards, Stage 1 Staff

Respect Self- Others- Community

What are students learning this term?

Ter	m 1	Term 2		Term 3		Term 4
R	E	S	Р	E	С	т
Relationships	Emotions	Set goals and stay focused	Play fair	Ensure safety	Courage	Think first
- getting along with others	- identify and manage emotions	- do your best	- supporting others	- taking care - resilience	- courage	- appreciate others

Set goals and stay focused

This term students are learning selfmanagement skills including:

- willpower
- effort (and using initiative)
- time management
- organisational skills
- resourcefulness

This topic is deliberately set around the time of NAPLAN, to encourage and support positive behaviours for learning.

For more specific information for your child, please see your child's class teacher.

How can I support my child at home?

You can help at home by reminding your child:

- Everyone has strengths
- You can use your strengths to help others
- Mistakes help you learn. Don't be afraid of them
- · Persist and don't give up
- · Accept yourself and believe in yourself
- · Take responsibility for your actions
- Be organised

Success chain

Students can make a success chain by using strips of coloured paper. Each time they achieve success, they write what they achieved on the piece of paper and add a link to the chain (like a Christmas chain).

10 Growth Mindset Statements MIND What can I say to myself? INSTEAD OF TRY THINKING: I'm not good at this. OWhat am I missing? I'm avesome at this. 2 I'm on the right track. ③I'll use some of the strategies we've learned. I give up. This is too hard. This may take some time and effort. I can't make this any better. 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying. I just can't do Math. 🟮 I'm geing to train my brain in Math. I made a mistake. Mistakes help me to learn better. She's so smart. I will never be that smart. 1 I'm going to figure out how she does it. 1 Is it really my best work? It's good enough. O Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters! Plan "A" didn't work. (Original source unknown) Osylviaduckworth

Some useful books to reinforce these ideas at home:

- Counting on Frank
- The Dot
- Beautiful Oops
- Edward the Emu
- Elmer
- Willy the Wizard
- Too Much Stuff
- Danny's Egg
- I Wanna Be Famous
- Bunyips Don't
- The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes
- Your Fantastic Elastic Brain

BPS Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every morning at school from 8:50 until 9:15 (to allow for clearing up before the bell rings).

Lots of children enjoy a piece of toast before school to ensure they aren't hungry. Baker's Delight are kindly donating bread to us but we are running low on spreads.

All donations of vegemite, honey, jam and butter will be gratefully received. Please give donations to Mrs Walton or drop them in at the canteen during Breakfast Club times.

Thank you Rebecca Walton



Don't forget The Crest is also available on the school website:

www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on the Newsletter tab.

Parent Online Payments can also be made from the BPS website using the 'Make a payment' tab.



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134 Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Berowra Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:30pm to 2:20pm, starting on 2 May 2017.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email <u>enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</u> for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

MAKING SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Please note that money collection days at Berowra Public School are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays only.**

For security of payments it would be appreciated if money <u>only</u> be sent to school on these days in a <u>signed payment</u> envelope. This includes any payments for the choir, drama, sport or extra curricular activities.

We have only two days a week allocated to receipt money so please remind your child to give it <u>to their teacher in the morning</u> as receipting and banking are completed during the day. Correct money is appreciated as the office is unable to hold change.

Please do not hand payments into the office after school.

Handing money into the office after banking has been completed may result in confusion for the teacher and your child's name not marked off as having paid for an excursion, sport or an activities.

Any payments for the P&C or Support Group fundraisers and the canteen special lunch days can also be handed to the class teacher, but <u>please include these in separate envelopes and with separate payment</u>. Do not include with school payments.

You can make multiple payments for multiple students with the one cheque or credit card if you like. Just make sure all details are included and permission is forwarded.

Don't forget that you can also pay online. However, signed permission envelopes are still required to go to the teacher for excursion. Just mark on it that you paid online.

Please also be aware that when using the Westpac Parent Online Payment system, all payments processed after 6pm will not be seen at the school until the second business day eg payments made after 6pm on Monday evening will be on the Westpac report on Wednesday morning, payments made after 6pm Friday will be seen on Tuesday morning.

Thank you for your cooperation.



From time to time students need to have a change of clothes during the day. The office holds a small amount of clothing which we lend to the students.

If your child has come home with different clothes and a note from us, please wash the items and return them to the school office, or classroom, as soon as possible so they will be available for use again.

To assist with this process it would be helpful if Kindy parents packed spare underwear in their child's school bag.

Thank you



Berowra Public School

KINDERGARTEN 2018 INFORMATION SESSIONS

7:00pm Monday 8th May 2017 or 10:00am Thursday 18th May 2017 Please join us in the Kindergarten rooms

These sessions are designed to assist you in enrolling your child in kindergarten for 2018.

You will hear about the programs Berowra Public School has to offer, how we cater for individual needs and how we provide a balanced education for all students. You will also hear about our student welfare policy, our buddy system and positive steps to providing a happy and safe learning environment for your child.

This is the first part of our extensive Kindergarten Orientation Program during which we welcome you and your child to Berowra Public School.



Upcoming Events				
MAY				
Thurs 4	BPS Cross Country Carnival			
Mon 8	Kindy 2018 Information session 7pm			
9-11	NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 & 5			
Thurs 11	Year 2 Bobbin Head excursion			
Sun 14	Mothers Day			
Wed 17	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom			
Thurs 18	Kindy 2018 Information session 10am Year 1 Bobbin Head excursion			
Sat 20	Recycled Clothing Night at BPS Hall			
Mon 22	BOOSH chocolate drive begins			
Tues 23	UNSW Digital Technology competition Student Parliament Mufti Day School Support Group meeting 9.30am			
Mon 29	Zone Cross Country			
Tues 30	UNSW Science competition Drama Festival auditions			
JUNE				
Fri 2	Voices for Reconcliation performance			
Fri 9	Area Cross Country			
Mon 12	Queen's Birthday public holiday			
Tues 13	UNSW Writing competition			
Wed 14	UNSW Spelling competition			
Thurs 15	BPS Athletics Carnival			
Wed 21	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom			
Tues 27	School Support Group meeting 9.30am			
Thurs 29	Last day of term 2 for students			
Fri 30	Staff Development Day			
JULY				
Mon 17	All students return for term 3			
Wed 19	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom			
Wed 26	OC testing			
31/7-4/8	Education Week			
AUGUST				
Tues 1	UNSW English			
Tues 15	UNSW Maths			
28-30	Stage 3 Canberra excursion			

Orrin W, Darwyn F KB Cooper B, Ewan H, Alice M, Sienna R, Kai T, KY Ethan F **1D** Noah F, Patrick B, Emmett S, Kaelan J, Naomi H, Jessica C, Noah F, Mariam M, Freya N, Madeleine G James Y, Brady M, Harrison B, Samatha F, **1S** Mia F, Beau R **1T** Sophia D, Maddie B, Zali H, Emma W, William T, Ellie L, Logan O, Ryan H, Ryan H, Harry D, Annika S Veronica R, Lara S, Sam Y, Kobe R, Anouk D, **2C** Luca P, Jakob R, Harry C, Cristiano D, Tahnee W 3A Luke E, Dominic H, Luca D, Baylin G, Charlie M, Jonathan C, Edward G, Cameron P, Tatiana R, Tara T 3R Hannah C, Keirali H, Benjamin B, Otis H, Lucy H, Joshua R, Ethan P 3/4P Sara H, Rylan J, Indigo R, Jade W **4C** Annabelle H, Abigail C, Charlotte S, Sofia G, Alexander M, Samuel F, Jessica C, Finn B **4**P Isabella J, Isabel A, Isabella C, Jackson C, Jarvis L, Joshua W, Amelia B 5/6B Daniel L, Haylee S, Danielle P, Maximus V, Evie P, Zoe V, Megan W, Anna O, Caitlin J, Danny C, Parisa G, Monique W 5/6K Lucy T, Caitlan F, Jonathan C, Anthony L, Benjamin B, Millie T 5/6S Josephine O, Liam C, Mackenzie F, Cooper G, Emma H, Jessica Y, Liam C

We're fundraising with entertainment



Berowra Public School is once again raising funds for our school through the Entertainment Book this year. Here's how you can help......

Help us raise funds for our school by buying an Entertainment Membership from us.

You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

Just copy the link below and place your order for a book or digital membership. If purchasing a book, please remember to include your child's name and class. It's that easy!

http://www.entbook.com.au/205g133

BECOME AN ETHICS TEACHER

- The Stage 2 Ethics class is full another teacher is needed!
- Ethics classes run on Wednesday morning.
- Grandparents or community members are very welcome to apply!

Contact the Ethics Cooordinator, Jess, on jess@farrownorris.com or 0478 221155 to find out more.

Or, apply directly via <u>https://primaryethics.com.au/</u> volunteer/ethics-teacher/





WATCH FOUND

Has you child misplaced their watch?



A student's watch was found in the computer room in March.

Come to the school office and describe it to us—it may be theirs.

Fiona Fisher's Swim School

Swimming Lessons • Aqua Aerobics Water Babies, Preschool, Primary To Adult School Terms & Holiday Intensives

INDOOR HEATED POOL

St Edmunds School 60 Burns Rd, Wahroonga

www.ffss.com.au

Phone: 0433 16 33 78 Email: admin@ffss.com.au



GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: Berowra Community

Centre

The Gully Road, Berowra

Monday 8 May Tuesday 9 May Wednesday 10 May 1:30pm – 6:30pm 1:30pm – 6:30pm 1:30pm – 6:30pm

<u>Drink up!</u> Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate <u>Eat!</u> Have a good sized breakfast or lunch Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au



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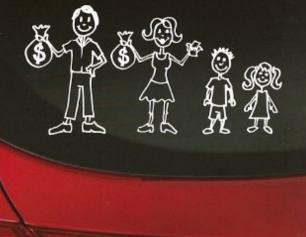
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School Drive Subsidy



If you ive a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.

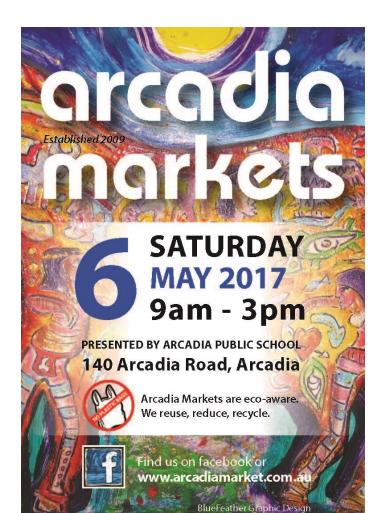


MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL



Parents and students are reminded that mobile phones are not to be brought to school except in exceptional circumstances.

Then the mobile phone <u>must be left at the</u> <u>school office</u> before school and collected at the end of the school day.

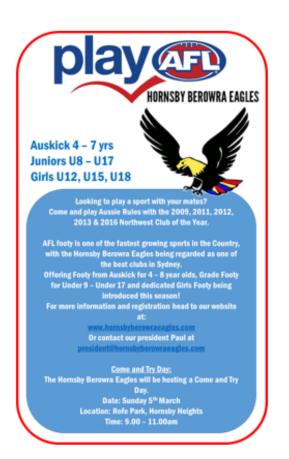


THE ATHLETE'S FOOT HORNSBY Rewards program is a proud Supporter of Berowra PS

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes. Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details.

\$5 FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your** vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

BUS

ZONE

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus. \$433 + 2 Demerit Points Penalty

Maximum Penaltv

\$180 + 2 Demerit Points

Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points

DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb. Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$541

<u>Please Note</u>: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2017. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.



Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

2018

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an **opportunity class** in 2018?

You must apply online at <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-</u><u>schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5</u>



Key dates

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Application website opens

Friday 12 May 2017

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Wednesday 12 July 2017

Test authority letter by mail <u>and</u> email (all other correspondence is sent by either mail <u>or</u> email)

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2017

Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes/ year-5

Parents should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit^.

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Opportunityclassplacement</u>
^ In this document, the High Performing Students Unit is referred to as the Unit.
'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as 'a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.
A list of the primary schools with opportunity classes is shown on page 2 of this document.